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FOR: A BARRIER LAYER FOR A
PROCESSING ELEMENT AND A
METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.